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INDIA SLIPS BELOW BANGLADESH, PAK IN GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX

In the 2020 Global Hunger Index that has ranked 107 countries, India is at 94th position, worse than many of its neighbours

INDIA'S HUNGER LEVEL IS 'SERIOUS': REPORT

With a score of 27.2, India has a hunger level that is 'serious', said the report released on Friday. Pakistan is at 88th spot while Nepal and Bangladesh have been ranked 73 and 75, respectively. The report assessed the condition for 132 countries but released the data for only 107 countries. The report is not reflective of the impact of Covid-19 on hunger and malnutrition | P9

14% OF POPULATION UNDERNOURISHED

Among 11 countries where child wasting rate was considered 'high' or 'very high', India was in the very high category at 17.3%. The report says 14% of India's population is undernourished. Activists working on food security said the report reflects the ground realities and the government has failed to address hunger

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INDIA'S RANKING IN THE 2019 INDEX THAT RANKED 117 COUNTRIES

EXPRESS READ

PM to address 12 rallies in poll-bound Bihar

Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address 12 rallies in Bihar where the assembly polls begin on October 28. Senior leader Devendra Fadnavis said the PM will address the first set of rallies in Sasaram, Gaya and Bhagalpur. P10

Bidar boy is state topper in NEET, ranked ninth

Bengaluru: Bidar's Karthik Reddy is the state topper in the NEET exam, scoring 99.99 percentile. He stood ninth in the prestigious medical entrance test, which saw Odisha's Soyeb Aftab bag the top rank, attaining a perfect score. P7,10

TODAY'S IPL MATCH

RCB VS RR
@ 3.30 PM

ODDS: RCB 6/11 | RR 6/5

CSK VS DC
@ 7.30 PM

ODDS: CSK 11/10 | DC 4/5



Remdesivir, HCQ among Covid 'duds'

WHO's randomised control trial in 30 nations shows they don't save serious patients

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @NewDelhi

IN a finding that will have far-reaching implications for pandemic-hit countries, a new study says none of the major drugs used in the treatment of Covid-19 has any significant benefit for severe patients.

Remdesivir, Hydroxychloroquine, Lopinavir and Interferon are the four major drugs being used to treat hospitalised coronavirus patients. Interim results from a 30-country trial coordinated by the WHO show that these drugs do not cut hospitalisation period or mortality rate of Covid-19 patients.

The analysis of the world's largest randomised control trial on Covid-19 conducted in 405 hospitals across 30 countries, has been uploaded on medical server MedRxiv for review before it is published in a medical journal.

The findings are also a reminder that no medicine, except steroids like Dexamethasone and Methylprednisolone, has so far been found to help serious Covid-19 patients.

The results also put a question mark on the utility of the



Central teams rush to K'taka, 4 other states

Taking note of the spiralling number of Covid-19 cases in Karnataka, the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has sent a team of experts to review the State's management of the pandemic. P9

repurposed drug Remdesivir which has been a much sought-after medicine. Remdesivir is permitted for emergency use in moderate to severe Covid-19 patients as part of the national clinical management protocol in India.

"Since the main objective of treatments of the hospitalised patients is to reduce the risk of death, the search for effective treatment will continue through rigorous evaluation of evidence gathered from large randomised clinical trials," said Dr K Srinath Reddy, member-executive of the steering group of the WHO trial. P9

Govt releases ₹85 crore for rain-hit districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru/Mysuru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday digitally released ₹36.57 crore towards input subsidy for 51,810 farmers who lost their crop in floods earlier this year. The funds, which will be credited to the bank accounts of the farmers through direct benefit transfer, was released during the CM's meeting with district officials while reviewing the impact of excessive rain in 14 districts on Friday. The State Government also

released ₹85.49 crore as emergency funds to take up rescue, rehabilitation and relief measures in the affected districts. "Twelve NDRF teams, including those from Pune and Mumbai, have been deployed to assist in relief work. Relief centres should be set up keeping in mind mandatory social distancing norms. Masks and medical assistance, testing, etc., should be facilitated at relief camps," the CM told the district Deputy Commissioners, Zilla Panchayat CEOs and Superintendents of Police. P4



CM B S Yediyurappa interacts with DCs and ZP CEOs in Bengaluru on Friday.



Spoke to CM BS Yediyurappa on the rainfall & flood situation in various parts of Karnataka. We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of Karnataka affected by the floods. Assured all possible support from the Centre in rescue and relief works that are under way — PM Narendra Modi on Twitter

19-YEAR-OLD RAMANAGARA GIRL KILLED BY FAMILY

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

A gruesome case of alleged 'honour killing' of a 19-year-old girl has come to light in Ramanagara district, about 50 km from Bengaluru.

"Hemalatha (19), a BCom student belonging to the Vokkaliga community from Bettelhal village in Ramanagara district, was allegedly bludgeoned to death by her father Krishnappa (48), cousin and prime accused Yogesh (21) and a minor, who is the victim's distant rela-



The father Krishnappa (left) and cousin Yogesh in police custody on Friday.

tive. The trio were opposed to her relationship with Puneeth, who hails from the Scheduled Caste community." Inspector General of Police (Central Range) Seemant Kumar Singh told *TNIE*. Puneeth is a college dropout. P7

Case cracked in a week IGP Seemant Kumar Singh said that a 21-member police team cracked the case within a week's time. A minor involved in the case, who is 10 days short of his 18th birthday, is detained. P7

Cops probing underworld links in bar owner killing

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BAR owner Manish Shetty's murder by bike-borne assailants late on Thursday evening was reportedly a "contract (supari) killing" by a rival gang or one of his former accomplices with whom he had fallen out, highly placed sources told *The New Indian Express*.

"Prima facie, the crime footprint and the sequence of events leading to Manish's murder points to the involvement of notorious fugitive gangster Vishwanatha Koraga (VK) Shetty," said an official. The police are also not ruling out the involvement of Shetty's former associate and another fugitive underworld gangster, Kali Yogesh alias Yogesh Bangera.

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